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SUBJECT: MBFR: SERVICE SUB CEILINGS: SPC MEETING SEPTEMBER 22

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 22, MISSION OFFICER WENT OVER THE POSITION ON SERVICE SUB CEILINGS IN PARAS 3 TO 6, REFTEL WITH FRG REP AT SPC MEETINGS ON MBFR (HOYNCK). MISSION OFFICER INQUIRED AS TO CURRENT FRG POSITION ON THIS QUESTION.

2. HOYNCK REPLIED THAT FRG HAS NOT CHANGED ITS POSITION THAT BEST WAY TO COVER AIR MANPOWER IN MBFR IS TO INCLUDE IT IN A COMBINED GROUND/AIR COMMON CEILING, AND THAT THIS OFFER SHOULD BE MADE TO THE EAST AT THE SAME TIME AS OPTION III. THIS POSITION WAS ALWAYS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE ALLIES COULD WORK OUT A SATISFACTORY APPROACH TO THE SERVICE SUB CEILING ISSUE. FRG HAS BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE
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COMPLEXITY OF THE SUB CEILING ISSUE, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT THR FRG PREFERRED APPRAOCH (SUB CEILING ON GROUND FORCES OF AROND 700,000) WOULD WITH REDEFINITION OF FORCES INVOLVE SUCH PROBLEMS AS INCREASING THE LEVEL OF THE COMBINED

GROUND/AIR COMMON CEILING SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE 900,000, AND PERMITTING A LARGE INCREASE IN ALLIED AIR MANPOWER, IN ORDER TO MAKE THE FIGURES ADD UP. FRG WAS THUS NOW REVIEWING ITS POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

HE SAID PRELIMINARY FRG THINKING WAS TO GET A BETTER IDEA OF WHERE THE ALLIES WERE GOING ON REDEFINITION OF FORCES BEFORE SETTLING THE SUB CEILING ISSUE. MISSION OFFICER POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE A LONG TIME BEFORE THE ALLIES HAD A FINAL POSITION ON FORCE REDEFINITION, SINCE FURTHER STEPS ON FORCE DEFINITION WERE DEPENDENT ON MOVES BY THE EAST. THE US FLEXIBLE SUBCEILING FORMULA WOULD ENABLE THE ALLIES TO AVOID TECHNICAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH INTERPLAY OF FIXED GROUND SUB CEILINGS AND REDEFINITION. SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD ALSO PROVIDE THE ALLIES THE FLEXIBILITY WHICH THEY NEED (PARTICULARLY THE BUNDESWEHR).

3. HOYNCK OBSERVED THAT THE US PROPOSAL WOULD NOT SOLVE ONE PROBLEM, IN THAT IT WOULD FORCE THE OTHER SIDE TO REDUCE ITS GROUND FORCES BELOW THE LEVEL OF NATO GROUND FORCES IN THE NGA (I.E. WITH COMBINED COMMON CEILING OF 900,000 AND NO AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS). THIS WAS NOT REALISTIC. MISSION OFFICER OBSERVED THAT THE ALLIES HAD KNOWN FROM THE BEGINNING OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE COMBINED COMMON CEILING LAST YEAR THAT THIS PROPOSAL, WITH COMBINED COMMON CEILING OF 900,000 AND NO AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS, WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL WP GROUND FORCE REDUCTIONS. HE OBSERVED THAT THIS ASSUMES EASTERN AGREEMENT TO ALLIED DATA. IF EASTERN DATA IS SUCH THAT THE ALLIED PROPOSAL WOULD RESULT IN AN EASTERN GROUND FORCE MANPOWER LEVEL BELOW THAT OF THE ALLIES, IT WILL BE UP TO THE EAST TO TELL US.

4. AT SPC MEETING LATER THAT DAY, US REP (MOORE) REITERATED US DESIRE THAT INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING BE PRESENTED TO THE EAST SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH OPTION III. WE NOTED THAT PARA 16 OF THE DRAFT POSITION PAPER HAS BEEN LEFT BLANK TO RECORD WHATEVER THE ALLIES WISHED TO AGREE INTERNALLY ON THE SUB CEILING ISSUE. MISSION CIRCULATED A BRIEF PAPER BASED
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ON PARAS 3 TO 5, REFTEL. HOWEVER, WE DID NOT INCLUDE THE WORD "RESIDUAL" AS APPLIED TO AIR MANPOWER IN PARAS 3 AND 4, SINCE THIS WORD MIGHT IMPLY TO FRG AND BELGIUM "POST REDUCTION" AIR MANPOWER. BELGIAN REP AT PREVIOUS SPC MEETINGS HAS OPPOSED INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS, AND WOULD, WE BELIEVE, CALL ATTENTION TO "RESIDUAL" IN THIS CONTEXT. IT IS CLEAR, EVEN WITHOUT "RESIDUAL", THAT US IS REFERRING TO LEVEL OF AIR MANPOWER EXISTING AFTER ANY REDEFINITION, AND AFTER ANY CREDIT THE US MIGHT GET FOR AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS UNDER OPTION III.

5. FRG REP MADE SAME OBSERVATION AT SPC MEETING AS CONTAINED

IN PARA 3 ABOVE, AND US REP MADE SAME REPLY AS IN PARA 3.

6. COMMENT: IF THE FREEDOM TO MIX IS SPECIFIED AS TEN PERCENT OF RESIDUAL AIR MANPOWER ON EACH SIDE, THE NUMERICAL MARGIN OF FLEXIBILITY WOULD OF COURSE NOT NECESSARILY EQUAL 20,000 ON EACH SIDE. UNDER PRESENT ALLIED DATA AND FORCE DEFINITION, THE NUMERICAL MARGIN OF FLEIXBILITY ON EACH SIDE WOULD BE CLOSE, I.E. 19,300 FOR THE ALLIES, AND 20,800 FOR THE OTHER SIDE. WITH REDEFINITION ACCORDING TO THE EASTERN PROPOSAL AND WITHOUT AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS, THE NUMERICAL MARGIN WOULD BE 18,700 FOR THE ALLIES, AND 23,200 FOR THE OTHER SIDE. FINAL AGREEMENT ON DATA COULDWIDEN THE NUMERICAL MARGIN FURTHER. WE THUS ASSUME THAT IN SPC DEBATE, ONE OR MORE ALLIES WILL BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHY THE US CHOSE A PERCENTAGE OF AIR MANPOWER AS THE MARGIN OF FLEXIBILITY, RATHER THAN CHOOSING A FIXED NUMBER SUCH AS 20,000 MEN. END COMMENT.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE BRIEF WASHINGTON COMMENT IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, AS TO WHY THE US CHOSE A PERCENTAGE OF AIR MANPOWER AS THE MARGIN OF FLEXIBILITY, RATHER THAN CHOOSING A FIXED NUMBER, IN LIGHT OF OUR COMMENT IN PARA 6 ABOVE. BRUCE

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